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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Nov. 26 th

Our next meeting is on Nov. 26, at JOCO Library at 6PM on 87th St. Our program will be by K3PA, on Locating and eliminating Line Noise. The program will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

KCDXC CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the KCDXC Club Christmas party will be done differently. The party will be held at RC's Restaurant and Lounge in Martin City, MO on December 15, 2018 from 6:30 pm. to 8:20 pm. The party will be in the Banquet Room and will be a sit down dinner. There will be a cash bar for those who wish to have an alcoholic drink.

In order to allow the restaurant to prepare for our party, a head count is necessary. Please **reply to this email by November 19th** so the restaurant can be notified as to the number of attendees. Further, there will be several menu items from which to choose. Please indicate your choice of entrée when replying.

The menu items are: *Chicken Fried Steak-\$15.99, Salmon-\$16.99, Pork Tenderloin-\$14.29, Chicken Fried chicken-\$14.79, Grilled Chicken Breast-\$14.99.*

Entrees are priced per person and consist of: Salad with choice of dressing, Choice of potato (French Fries, cottage fries, mashed, or baked), Green beans, Biscuits, Gravy. Drinks are in addition to the entrée.

If you wish to bring a dessert, please bring finger desserts such as cookies or brownies.

The address of RC's is 330 East. 135th street, Martin City, MO.
Mark your calendars now!

73,

Russ - KØVXU

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		221	23	2280
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	324		103		2624
NX0I	350	348	347	242		208		2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	347	333			33		1352
K3PA	349	347	344	314		152	36	2673
KS0DX	347	318	347	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	347	334	330	255	172	138	2	2267
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	333	205	331	112	149	17		1348
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	326	269	314	146		52		1617
W0FS	322	270	295		657	181		1770
W0MB	322	194	320	230	143	1		1163
K0AP	316	307	297	230	657			1968
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
AC0C	302	292	233	220	79	87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	247	215	193	14				887
W0DR	220	29	144	3		5	4	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	102	6	55			1	1	102
KR0CK	57	2	53			1	1	57

*Red listing indicates Top of the Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Please only one update a month.

The Year In Review

By KØVXU

This year the solar cycle has been the big news as it continues to decline and along with the propagation on the higher frequency bands. Ten meters has been almost nonexistent and 12 meters has had flashes of propagation. 15 meters has shown it can produce decent DX from time to time. But the workhorses this year have been 20 and 40 meters. For those with a decent antenna on 30 meters, DX has abounded. 80 and 160 are....well....80 and 160.

The biggest surprise of the year has been the astounding popularity of FT8. Even on the higher frequency bands you can find FT8 signals when no other SSB or CW signals can be heard. My guess is that the ability of FT8 to integrate signals out of the noise has made it popular with Hams who do not have high power and big antennas. These Hams have found they, too, can work DX with all the excitement that comes with it.

The big DXpedition story of the year was the DXpedition that didn't happen, i.e. Bouvet. Everyone was poised and ready to jump into the fray with anticipation of working an ATNO (all time new one). However, the choice of vessel and weather combined to make the trip to Bouvet very dangerous and the trip to South Africa event more daunting. Thankfully, all members of the DXpedition and the crew of vessel arrived safely in South Africa. For those of you who did not see Glen Johnson's presentation on the trip and from Bouvet, you missed one of the great programs of the years. Glen is articulate and entertaining and the slides he showed were breathtaking. I won't mention Glen's depiction of wrestling with seasickness and the onboard head. There has been no official statement about the DXpedition group making another run at it. Glen indicated that there may be another attempt in the future but it would encompass departing from South Africa and dealing with the red tape that involves. The equipment container was shipped back to the states and the equipment was returned or sold. Not all items could be easily liquidated and the disposition of those items is still unknown. As for the money donated to the group it does not appear there will be refunds. A good deal of the donated money was spent in preparation for departure. The group is bringing action against the company that provided the vessel, but the advent of receiving a compensation from them is not assured.

The other DXpedition of note was Ducie Island. The group sent nearly 2 weeks working as many as they could under poor radio and weather conditions. Of course, working Ducie Island from here is not a difficult task. Your author was blessed by good timing and favorable conditions and many band slots were filled. Those who desire can request a paper QSL from the DXpedition by going to the website (www.vp6d.com) and searching the online log for your QSOs. OQRS is available for requesting cards. I'm sure our European friends were unhappy with the propagation and with the QRM generated by the North American stations. But we in North America faced similar conditions for the recent VK9X DXpedition. Tit for Tat, turnabout is fair play.

Even though this was a year of poor propagation, some members found that working was possible. Sheer determination and perseverance paid off in working rare ones such as SV2ASP/P or HVØA. Some of you even worked VK9XT, albeit on FT8 on 30 meters. It would appear that the coming year will be, for DXers, much like this year. We shall see how the next solar cycle plays out in the years ahead.

A year end review would not be complete without a few words about the KCDX Club's hospitality suite and PileUp Contest at Dayton. This year the hospitality suite was cram packed with Hams from all over the world. Everyone enjoyed a cool beverage and the

pleasant conversation of friends new and old. The PileUp contest drew a good number of contestants and the winners were rewarded with great prizes. Our thanks to ICOM, Yaesu, Begali, N3ZN, CWOps, ARRL, and Associated Radio for providing those great prizes. Regarding the CW PileUp contest, Yuri, VE3XB, stated that the contest was one of the things that kept him coming to Hamvention each year.

My hope is that each and everyone of you will find great joy this Christmas (a KPA1500 in your stocking?) and will have a very Happy New Year.

See you at the Christmas Party. --- Russ

CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2019!!

The KCDXC still has a few rooms left for Dyaton 2019. W0ZAP has volunteered to take over the job of Room Manager for the KCDXC. Rick will be working with AB0X this year to learn the details of the job. THANKS, Rick!

The cost for rooms for 2019 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact at rickp098@gmail.com , to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2019. Contact ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have any questions. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2019.

K0FYJ, BOB SMITH, BECOMES SILENT KEY!

Long time KCDXC member K0FYJ, Bob Smith, recently became a Silent Key. Bob's health has been poor for several years. He was very active in the KCDXC and was instrumental in the production of the KCDXC video productions in the 1980's. K0VBU's obit notice says a great deal about Bob:



"I regret to inform all KC DX Club members that Dr. Bob Smith, K0FYJ, passed away last Friday. He has been a member of our club for as long as I can remember - certainly back into the 1970's. He was a very active member for many years, participating in our activities ranging from the AB0I MultiOp station, to our videos, to pitching in at our hospitality suite in Dayton. He very much enjoyed the monthly meetings, even though it was difficult for him in his last years. Outside the club, Bob was a great dentist, and many of our members wouldn't go anywhere else. He got a kick out of reading my intake form when I visited him the first time...For the 'referred by' line I wrote "Hiram P.

Maxim"! Among other honors and responsibilities, he was a past president of the Kansas Dental Association, and was chosen more than once as their dentist of the year.

He had also been active as a Boy Scout leader, and he introduced my son and me to the Troop I'm still working with. He was the first of us to bring a rig to Boy Scout Camp for Radio Merit Badge...and the boys had so much fun that I followed his example and repeated that for the past 30 years.

He was an accomplished pilot, a great pianist, an excellent radio amateur, a super dad, and a wonderful friend. I'll miss him a lot.

73 Bill K0VBU

PS: The family will be hosting a celebration of his life later. His obituary may not show up until next weekend. I'll try to keep everyone posted. - Bill

K0YCF, CARL WATTERSON BECOMES SILENT KEY

Carl E. Watterson Carl E. Watterson, fortified by the Sacraments of Holy Mother church, passed away Nov. 12, 2018. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm Thursday, November 14, 2018 at McGilley State Line Chapel with Rosary Recitation at 6pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10am Friday, Nov. 15, 2018 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, K.C., MO. Burial will be in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Carl was a lifelong area resident. He graduated from K-State with a physics degree and received his master's degree from UMKC. Carl worked at Honeywell as a senior engineer for 40 years, retiring in 2009. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, the Kansas City DX Club and the Raytown Ham Radio Club. Carl was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers in law; two sisters in law and a niece in law. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Shirley Watterson; a brother, Donald (Fran) Watterson; two sisters, Wanda (Bernie) Stegmaier, Candace Wiedenmann; 11 nephews; 18 nieces; a brother in law, Melvin (Diane) Morris and a sister in law, Patricia Garthwait.

DE KA0JJH

*Carl's Death came right at production deadline, so more info will be coming following issues.-AB0X

October 29, 2018

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The October meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU at 6:12 pm CDT (October 29, 2018 - 2312 UTC).

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- Grounding and Bonding **Ward Silver, N0AX** (first introduced as **L1AR** and explained by Russ)
- Closing

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. Guests noted were

1. Ward Silver, N0AX
2. Jim Swaters, WB0IXI
3. Jack DiPalo, WZ1Y

DXing and Contesting

DXing for November

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Highlights were VK9XQ, Christmas Is., VK9CH, Cocos Keeling, EP6RRC, Iran and 4W??, East Timor

Contesting for November

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Highlights reported were ARRL Sweepstakes CW, CQWWDX CW and ARRL 160 Meter

Program

Russ, K0VXU, introduced our speaker and first played a short video of his performance with the Spurious Emissions Band that plays at Dayton. He was doing the vocal solo on "Don't Call Twice". You can watch this and other videos by the band at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6dSak-gkNM>.

Ward Silver, N0AX

Ward titled his presentation as Grounding and Bonding for the Little Pistol & Medium Gun which he first presented at Contest University at Dayton.

Ward has written a book for ARRL titled Grounding and Bonding for the Radio Amateur which covers much of the material in the presentation.

Ward will provide a copy of his presentation for posting on the KC DX Club website.

The main points Ward hoped to communicate to us were:

- Understand "ground" and "bond"
- Appreciate the different requirements for ac safety, lightning protection, RF and audio

- Illustrate some techniques
- Show how a system approach works
- Point you at more comprehensive resources

The presentation is intended for the small to medium station builder. It is not for the Big Guns.

Because the presentation is to be posted, no further comments will be made here.

Announcements

Drew, K3PA, is scheduled to talk at the November 26th meeting. The subject will be locating and eliminating power line noise.

The Christmas party is to be at RC's in Martin City on December 15th. Time is TBA. Russ will be asking shortly for a head count of those who expect to attend.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles Hett K0THN KCDX Club Secretary

REMINDER: NO DECEMBER KCDXC NEWSLETTER!

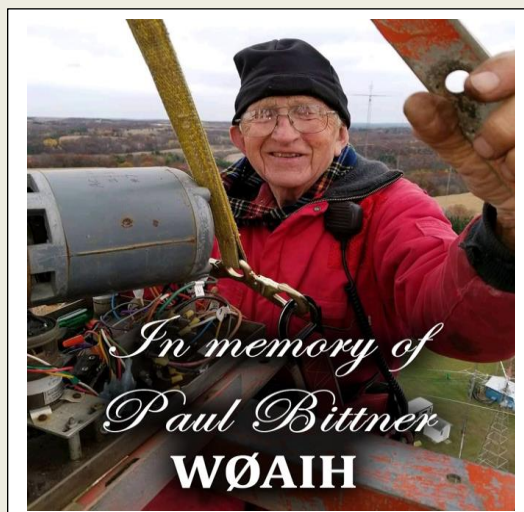
The staff of the KC DX News has been given a month off! The next issue of the newsletter will be mid-January 2019. Don't forget to send in your articles and comments to the Editor at ab0x@kc.rr.com.

W0AIH KILLED IN TOWER ACCIDENT

One of the best known Contesters in the USA was killed in a tower accident on 10-31-18. Paul, W0AIH, has for years had one of the biggest signal on the air in most contests and DX pile ups.

W0AIH was a speaker at our KCDXC W0DXCC in 2011. When I asked Paul to come to KC for the W0DXCC Convention he said "Yes" before even learning the details of the event, but this was typical of Paul. He was always excited about sharing his knowledge with others. His sessions at the event were packed with interested listeners!

After his presentation Paul asked me if I had seen the four 80' steel light poles laying on the side of the interstate near his hotel. He wondered if anyone had asked the Highway Dept. about them. He said they could be used at the "Farm." He was always trying to improve his station!



The photo below was his antenna farm at sunset. Truly a sight to behold. -AB0X



W0AIH AT KCDXC W0DXCC in 2012:



MORE on W0AIH

DE W0GJ:

Services were for Paul were well attended. I'm estimating at least 150 hams were there. Attendees were from all of his previous churches, in addition to about 20 Lutheran pastors from around the states & Canada. Packed house, standing room only and two large rooms in the church basement had video feed from upstairs.

A small group of hams met at The Farm afterwards:



Trust me, this is only a sampling of the hams in attendance. This picture was taken by a spouse. A professional photographer showed up later & was on a tall ladder. The bearded gentleman in the foreground is Paul W0UC, Paul's son-in-law. Yes, it was cold. 7F at sunrise!

Here is a link to the "booklet" I put together: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/e0i3mip2f5ufg1h/Paul%20Bittner%20W0AIH%20%20SK%2031%20Oct%2018.docx?dl=0>

You can pick & choose what you can use.

73
Glenn W0GJ

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT November 15, 2018
To all radio amateurs

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This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by AA3B, UR5BCP, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Alex, K2BB and Pavel, UU0JR will be QRV as 5R8UM from Nosy Be Island, IOTA AF-057, from November 19 to 29. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

NIGER, 5U. Pierre, HB9AMO will be QRV as 5U9AMO from Niamey from November 20 to December 3. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via M0URX.

UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ plans to be QRV as 5X1XA from November 17 to 25. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band on

20 meter entry. QSL via G3SWH.

TONGA, A3. Ronald, PA3EWP, Martin, PA4WM, Pat, EI5IX and Tom, GM4FDM are QRV as A35EU from Tongatapu, IOTA OC-049, until November 27. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and some FT8, with three stations active. QSL via GM4FDM.

BAHAMAS, C6. Mike, KN4EEI and George, AA7JV are QRV as C6AGU from Water Cay, IOTA NA-001, until December 3. Activity is mainly on 160, 80 and 40 meters using CW and FT8. This includes being entries in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW and ARRL 160 Meter contests. QSL via operators' instructions.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Audie, DU1ZDR and Gazelle, DU1ZDQ plan to be QRV as DZ1A/DU2 from Basco Batanes, Batanes Islands, IOTA OC-093, on November 19 and 20. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using SSB and some CW. QSL via operators' instructions.

IRAN, EP. A group of operators will be QRV as EP6RRC from Shif Island, IOTA AS-189P, from November 17 to 23. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8 with three stations active. QSL via R7AL.

GUADELOUPE, FG. Members of the Radio Club Guadeloupe are QRV as T040R until November 25 celebrating the Route du Rhum single-handed yacht race from Saint-Malo, France to Pointe-a-Pitre. QSL via LoTW.

HONDURAS, HR. Operators LZ5VV, SP4Z and N2WQ will be QRV as HR9/home calls from Roatan Island, IOTA NA-057, from November 17 to 25. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. This includes being active as HQ9X as a Multi/2 entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL HQ9X via KQ1F, and HR9/LZ5VV and HR9/SP4Z to home calls. QSL HR9/N2WQ via LoTW.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 while working for three months at the weather station here. Activity is in his spare time on 80 to 10 meters using CW and some RTTY. QSL to home call.

BELGIUM, ON. Special event station OP7VA is QRV until November 30 to commemorate the end of World War I. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters. QSL via ON7VA.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Operators Ward, N0AX, Robert, S53R and Scott, W4PA will be QRV as PJ4/home calls from November 18 to 25. Activity will be on the HF bands. They plan to be active as PJ4Q in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via home calls, and PJ4Q via W4PA.

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Oleh, UR5BCP will be QRV as PJ7/UR5BCP from November 17 to 21. Activity will be on 20 and 15 meters focusing on CW and FT8. QSL via KD7WPJ.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Bud, AA3B will be QRV as V26K from Antigua, IOTA NA-100, from November 19 to 26. Activity will be on the HF bands using primarily CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

MICRONESIA, V6. Shu, JA1FMN will be QRV as V63PSK from Weno Island, IOTA OC-011, from November 19 to 25. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 15 meters using JT65 and FT8. QSL direct to home call. In addition, Sho, JA7HMZ will be QRV as V63DX from Pohnpei Island, IOTA OC-010, from November 19 to 26. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters with a focus on FT8. He will be active as V6A in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL both calls direct to JA7HMZ.

VIET NAM, XV. Mats, RM2D will be QRV as XV9D from November 18 to December 2. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 meters, and possibly 80 meters, depending on conditions, using mostly CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via EA5GL.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL SSB Sweepstakes Contest, LZ DX Contest, All Austrian 160-Meter CW Contest, REF 160-Meter CW Contest, Feld Hell Sprint, RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz CW Contest and Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment CW Party will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest is scheduled for November 19. The RSGB 80-Meter Autumn SSB Series, CWops Mini-CWT Test and Phone Fray are scheduled for November 21.

The ARRL International Grid Chase runs during all of 2018.

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K3ZN KEYS

